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Mr. Charles J. Krogmeier
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Dear Mr. Krogmeier:

We are pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA), submitted February 24, 2009, with additional information submitted July 8, 2009, and August 26, 2009, has been approved.

This amendment permits Iowa to expand the income eligibility level for children in its CHIP from its current income level of 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) up to 300 percent of the FPL. Additionally, it will allow Iowa to continue utilizing a 20 percent income disregard in establishing income levels for purposes of determining premium amounts for the new expansion group (i.e., \$20 per month per child for a family maximum of \$40 per month). The State revised its submission to include a 30-day waiting period of uninsurance for CHIP coverage, only for children with family incomes above 250 percent of the FPL up to 300 percent of the FPL. Children with lower family incomes will not be subject to the 30-day waiting period. The State details a list of exceptions to the 30-day waiting period in the State plan. This SPA has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2009.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Ticia Jones. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Ms. Jones' contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Dianne Heffron, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Charlene Frizzera
Acting Administrator

cc: Mr. James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region VII